Loss of payroll jobs greatest in Victoria

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Total payroll jobs decreased by 1.1 per cent in Australia between mid-June and mid-July according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics today.

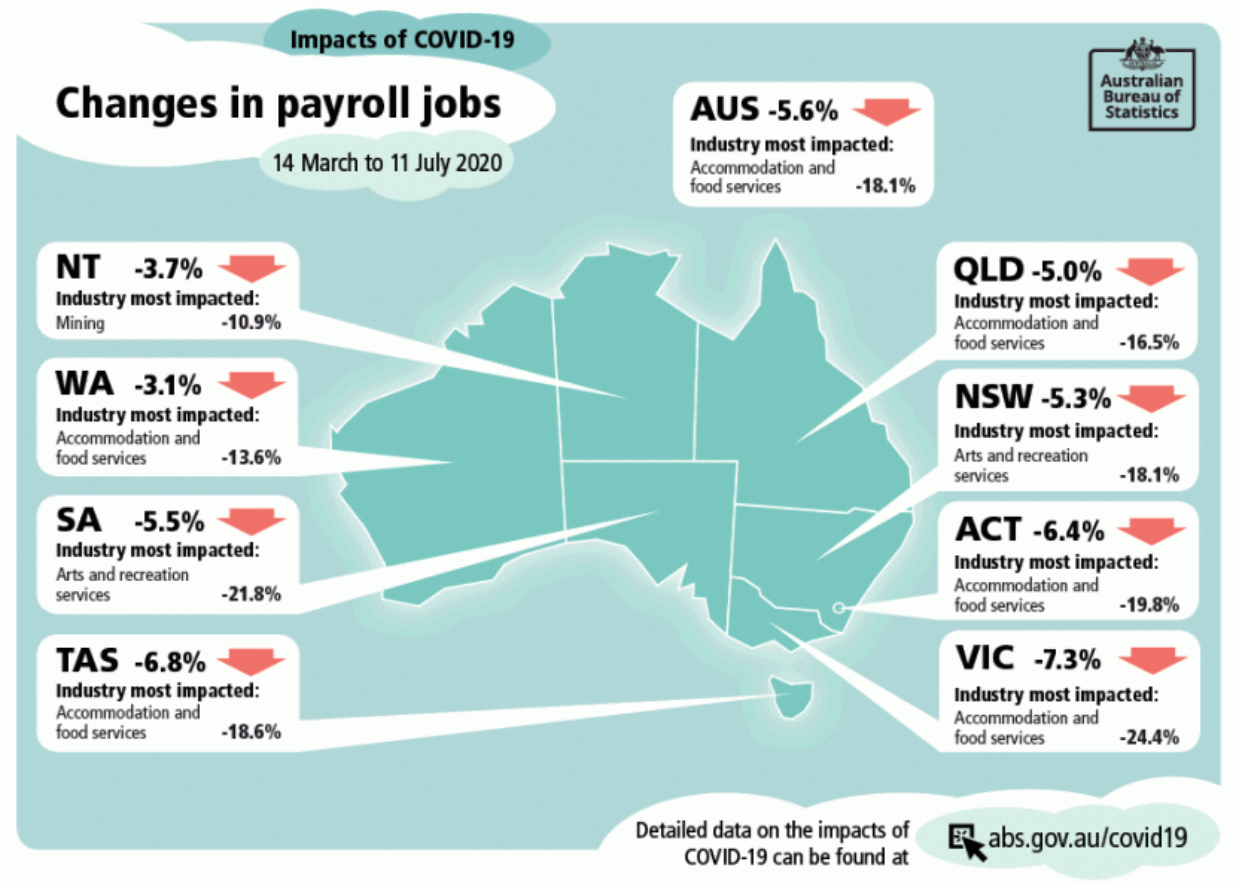
In Victoria, payroll jobs decreased by 2.2 per cent between mid-June and mid-July as additional COVID-19 restrictions were progressively introduced, with jobs 7.3 per cent below mid-March in this state.

Bjorn Jarvis, head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, said, “Nationally, payroll jobs are 5.6 per cent below mid-March, when Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case.”

Payroll job losses in other states and territories since mid-March ranged from a 6.8 per cent decrease in Tasmania to a 3.1 per cent decrease in Western Australia.

“The latest data shows that around 35 per cent of lost payroll jobs had been regained by mid-July,” Mr Jarvis said.

Change in payroll jobs between 14 March and 11 July, by state and territory



“Arts and recreation services showed more recovery than any other industry from mid-June to mid-July (7.5 per cent), however it continues to be one of the most impacted industries during the COVID-19 period (16.3 per cent decrease since mid-March),” Mr Jarvis said.

Further information is available in Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia (cat. no. 6160.0.55.001).

The ABS would like to acknowledge the continued support from the Australian Taxation Office in enabling the ABS to produce the statistics, providing weekly insights into the Australian labour market.

Media notes

- This release includes information on payroll jobs where a payment was made in the reference week through Single Touch Payroll enabled software and reported to the Australian Taxation Office.
- While the ABS accounts for employees being paid with different frequencies, there are points in the year when additional reporting activity is more likely to occur, which may flow through to published estimates.
- Jobs by Statistical Area 4 estimates through to the week ending 11 July will be added to

his release on Wednesday 29 July 2020.

- An interactive map examining change in payroll jobs through 2020 will be added to this release on Thursday 30 July 2020.
- The additional ABS products being published to understand the economic impact of the coronavirus can be found on the ABS COVID-19 page. (https://www.abs.gov.au/covid19)
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